GREAT LOVE AND I.

Francia Hodgson Burnett in the Century Magazine I mocked at Love ! Love seemed a little thing; "A small, blind god," I sabl, "with gollen wing,
Por these poor poets to adore and sing;
Their stock-in-trade, which has its price to bring."

I laughed at Love ! "The merriest jest of all," I said, "a gay, light, bounding ball, Which gathers wit on both its rise and fall,

Through the long summer days I lie and laugh and listen to his lays. Court Pool is he," said I. " Crown him with bays And laurels for the folly of his ways." I did not know.

"Court Fool," I cried, You are a toy to mock at, ever new, A jest when false, a better jest when true ! Laughter will always ring at thought of you." I did not know.

I looked on Love! Ah, me! I mocked no more, Within his hand g flaming sword he bore: His eyes were great and sad, and prone before Him in the dust I lay, lamenting sore. "Great Love," I cried, "Master forevermore! I know, I know."

" Master," I cried, And trembling, touched his feet. (His eyes were great and sad and bitter-sweet Beneath his gaze my neart, all laboring beat: To lift my giance I knew I was not meet. 1 knew, I knew.

A most majestic fair; There was no lightsome joyance in his .tir; A throbbing wound bied in his bosom bare; A thorned crown was on his shining hair— "Great Love !" I cried

"Great Love!" I cried.
"Great Pain and tears of blood shed bitterly,
Tears of heart's blood, sait as the great dark sea—
And dost thou jest and ring fool bells at me!
Thou didst not know."

"Right," said he. "We have taken the house and we can't afford to lose the money. Besides, it's such a capital place."

The whole family were to move in about three weeks' time. We had no difficulty in finding a pretext for preceding them, and it was arranged that some of the bedroom farmiture should be immediately sent in to our new domicile. We were going to sell most of our furniture in our West kind house, and the new furniture could be bought immediately, and placed in Number 45. So at about 10 o'clock one evening, after a substantal dinner in town, we let curselves in to our new abode by means of the key, and took possession. A bright fire, lit by our landiady, was blazing in the kitchen. We had a plentiful supply of whiskey and tobacco, and we unde ourselves comfortable with our slippers and lounging coats, and prepared for a night of it.

"Uncommonly comfortable," said my brother approvingly. "Gad, the old lady knows how to make a fire!"

"And what a grate! And a chimney as big as a blast furnace. There is nothing like one of these old-fashioned kitchens for comfort." Ensocaced in our chimney corner, we passed the time in unriously soungh. We had made up our minds to sit up all night and show the ghost what manner of men he had to deal with.

"We like the office early in the afternoon. We secured the services of an intelligent as weep and a sharp little bedroom far used to cur was the sent. We seen the mount of our the secured the services of an intelligent was seven and a sharp little bedroom far was and starp little for the youngster to climb, and up he went. We sent that he seen to sent him up saying to one. We seen thim up saying to one. We seen thim up saying to one. We seen thim up a found nothing. We questioned him eagely, but he had seen no ghost or any state on. This time he found on tested for a night for it.

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are enough of us to freighten any ghost.
We shall crowd him out."
"I bet you a new hat you don't stop there a week," said he.
"Done with you," said I promptly. "As often as you like. Any one else want to bet?"

No one volunteered, and the subject dropped. But I was extremely uncomfortable, in the course of the afternoon I took my brother aside and told him
"Phew!" said he. "Fint explains the with the soot. We'll see about it the first thing to-morrow,"

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No one volunteered, and the subject dropped. But I was extremely uncomfortable. In the course of the afternoon I took my brother aside and told him "Phew!" said he. "That explains the low rent. But it's rather serious. The governor can't stand anything of the sort. You know how nervous he is."

"Yes, I know," I said. "And it strikes methat the best thing we can do is to move into the house ourselves, so that we can tell him the story is a myth, if anyone lets it ont to him. Just you and L."

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Some image we deem 'twere a crime to forget We trace in new forms to the lost a rese

Man turns from the sham, which at last he despis To pleasures that cheated and mock'd him How formily he thinks of that far away after-Where faith and devotion were parter'd in vain; He hears the sweet lips with their treason still failed

He sees, but forgets, all the labor they cost him-The dreams that have left him but ashes for fruit A wreck he returns to the ocean that toss'd him,

Believes they were true, and would trust ther

And lachrymose grows with an idle regret; Avaunt! vanish'd past! with your empty delui I ask but one boon, and it is to forget

He basks in the light of his childish illusions.

THE MASON AND MCCARTY FAMI LIES. forrows That Pollowed an Unfortunate

A correspondent of the McDowell Bugle, of Marion, N. C., writes as follows:

A correspondent of the McDowell Engle, of Marion, N. C., writes as follows:

In 1815, Armistead T. Mason, of Londonn County, Va., entered the Senate of the United States—young, handsome, gifted, wealthy, with all his family prestige about him. He was also quick to anger and rather overbearing. When in the Senate I believe he was the youngest member of that body. His father had been a United States Senator before him, and was a nephew of the illustrions George Mason just mentioned.

The McCartys were related, remotely in blood and closely in marriage, to the Masons, the sister of this Armistead T. Mason having married William McCarty, afterward a member of the House of Representatives. In 1820 when Mason had been about four years in the Senate, there arose between him and John M. McCarty, the brother of William, some difficulty of a political nature, which became more and more embittered by the influence of injudical friends, until the usual result of such "difficulties" in those days was reached.

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the dramatic sensation complete, Stevens Mason at that moment came riding by, and the dying youth was carried to Raspberry Plain, the blighted homestead of the Masons, the birthplace of the father's victim, and laid dead in the hall.

This was almost a death blow to the parents of young McCarty. His because

rents of young McCarty. His becaused father, the slayer of Senator Mason, became erratic and for much of the time a wanderer. He would leave his home without a word and be gone for years, his own wife not knowing where, and then would as suddenly reappear, unkempt and haggard, with long hair on his shoulders and beard descending

After all this the old Maron house at Rasp After all this the old Maron house at Rasp-berry Plain stood shut up and empty for years. In due time, of course, it became "haunted," and, as might have been ex-pected, a pistol shot was sometimes heard there at night by veracious passers by; but at length it passed into careful though strange hands, and is now, with Selma also, once more the scene of prosperity and hap-piness.

A Sunke and Rabbit Combat.

A snake and Rabbit Combat.

[Melbourne Leader, June 13.]

The following instance of the strength of the maternal instinct in animals has been furnished to us by a reliable authority, the fact being rouched for by Mr. John Phillip, of Ascot Heath: "A Chinaman in Mr. Philip's employ, while hoeing potatoes, heard a peculiar noise issuing from a rabbit's nest with young ones. On looking up he saw a rabbit and a snake engaged in deadly combat. The snake frequently raised itself and struck at the rabbit; the brave little animal, strong in its maternal justinct. combat. The snake frequently raised itself and struck at the rabbit; the brave little animal, strong in its maternal instinct, fought the snake in return with its forepaws. The Chinaman, who was quite excited when marrating the occurence, thus describes the incident, aided by a good deal of expressive pantomime: 'Me hoey potatoes; see littee hole, labbit. Me lookee, see labbit jump, see snakee jump. Little time me lookee, snakee dead, labbit no walkee. Hoey potatoes; lookee labbit, no see. By and by him dead.' Mr. Philip at once went to the spot, and there lay both rabbit and anake dead, the first from the effects of the poison fauga and the latter from the severe scratches and wounds on its body inflicted by the claws of the enraged little rodent. Thereptile's powers of escape had been neutralized through its having gorged itself by making a meal of two of the young rabbits out of the four which the nest contained. It was evident that the mother had just returned to her young as the snake was finishing his meal, and had bravely died in defense of her offspring, but not before she had succeeded in visiting with a similar fate the unwel come and overgorged intruder.''

There is less difficulty in German girls of the middle class finding suitable partners for life than is the case in the same class in England. German girls as a matter of course, take their share in household work; this does not prevent their being frequently very accomplished, often excellent musicians, but it does prevent a great deal of restlessness and vagne discontent. A young man who marries in that test. A young man who marries in that class knows that he may reasonably expect his bride to be a good housewife. If he is in the upper middle class, for instance a shopkeeper, his wife often keeps the ac counts of the shop. I have wondered at the close attention to business details shown by close attention to business details shown by women who might have expected to be spared anch exertions; but I was assured they pre-ferred to be thus occupied, partly in order to save for their children. It seemed to me that the master and mistress in most shops were on friendly terms with their assistants, who were permitted to rest at intervals dur-ing the day in a room behind the shop.

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the doga—he let slip his gun, which exploded and sent the ramred through his head. He fell on the Mason side, which he had avoided all of his life—upon the ground which he was to press only in death. And to make

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